

## MEETING MINUTES – NEWFIELDS CURBSIDE COLLECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)

DATE: Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

TIME: 6:30-7:30PM

### PRESENT CCAC MEMBERS:

- Josh Lent
- Mary Belanger
- Warren Biggins
- Joe Diament
- Jacqui Silvani
- Sue Schick
- Trish Cox
- James Valentine

### GUESTS:

- Kenyon Schick
- Anne Reichert

### MINUTES:

- Quorum was recognized and the meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Josh Lent.
- CCAC members voted in favor of approving minutes from the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- Review of action items from previous meeting.
  - CCAC email account
    - Josh registered an email account for the committee:  
[newfieldscac@gmail.com](mailto:newfieldscac@gmail.com)
  - NRRA application and funding
    - Josh sent in check; we are now official members
  - Final Report headings
    - Josh was unable to spend time on this but will work on the headings for our next meeting
  - CCAC member backfill
    - Desire to have another member join the Committee was communicated to the Select Board; Board has reached out to community members, but no commitments at this time
  - Composting and landfill data for inclusion in final report
    - Kenyon summarized a 2018 NH municipal solid waste report for the Committee. Key points: NH has 1 landfill that is (potentially) set to close in 2021; NH residents generate an average of 0.84 tons of waste per person each year; rate of waste generation is consistent
    - Kenyon contacted Mr. Fox to discuss their residential composting program and was given a quote of \$16 a month for bimonthly compost pickups. He also contacted Agri-Cycle. Agri-Cycle did not provide a quote

but said their service is “competitively priced” and they would do an assessment based on our needs if we asked.

- Anne R provided additional information on NH landfills and will work with Kenyon to populate final report document.
- Revision of “history of recycling” notes
  - Jacqui will incorporate Mike Sununu’s notes into document for next week
- Working Session
  - Recap of NRRA/CCAC meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020
    - Josh thought meeting went well. Bonnie relayed that 50% of NH does single stream recycling and NRRA has staff dedicated to education. Josh suggested that we could come to a better agreement with Newmarket to bring down the \$5 per bin fee. Committee also discussed a satellite recycling station and asking Stratham to partner with us.
  - Waste Management (WM) “Waste to Energy” discussion
    - Anne led a conversation about waste to energy facilities. Anne mentioned that we may be forced to pay a premium to direct our waste to a specific waste to energy plant (Covanta is 50 miles away). The Lamprey Regional Cooperative was briefly discussed. Committee also looked at the waste management hierarchy, and Warren differentiated between sending our waste to a waste to energy facility and send our waste and recycling to a waste to energy facility. Preference is not to send our recycling to this type of facility.
  - Discussion around the “Recycling Recovery Rate Analysis” report drafted by Portsmouth in 2016
    - Anne led the conversation here and helped the Committee work through the figures in the report. Josh asked how can we be sure that the recycling that gets picked up actually gets taken to a recycling facility. Anne talked about her experience working at a landfill. She assured the committee all recyclables get recycled and that the risk of losing permits and revenues is too great. Josh suggested including this info in the final report.
    - Josh summarized other key findings of the report, including: Portsmouth recycling rate stands at 42% out of a maximum of 44%; biggest source of contamination was plastic bags.
  - Discussion of metrics for objectively measuring each option
    - Josh led discussion. Joe suggested adding another category called opportunity/projected cost
    - Current matrix:
      - Cost to town
      - Cost to residents
      - Environmental impact
      - Convenience
      - Willingness of company to provide education

- Legacy
- Review of action items
  - Josh to send out notice of new Gmail account
  - Warren will include in meeting minutes
  - Sue will ask for copy of Lamprey Regional Cooperative contract
  - Kenyon putting in headings of landfill and compost in final report
  - Trish suggested an open house to share our work with the community
  - Josh suggested that Jim ask if we could use Stratham's transfer station facility.
- Review date and time for next meeting.
  - Monday, June 29 6:30-7:30
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM
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